

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending July 1, 2001**. Most crops are progressing ahead of the 5-year average throughout the state. Insect pressure has lessened in many parts of the state. Soil moisture was rated 3 percent very short, 21 percent short, 69 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	2000	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	91	77	89	82	0	2	14	56	28
	Dough	56	28	53	43					
	Dent	19	7	16	13					
Cotton	Squaring	89	78	90	86	0	6	17	57	20
	Setting Bolls	30	13	29	29					
Rice	Heading	6	4	3	8	0	2	17	58	23
Sorghum	Heading	53	30	31	32	0	2	13	58	27
Soybeans	Blooming	63	47	58	48	0	2	23	52	23
	Setting Pods	42	15	24	14					
Wheat	Harvested	100	89	100	95	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	95	60	93	83	0	3	45	49	3
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	50	42	42	47	2	5	34	46	13
Watermelons	Harvested	25	8	11	19	1	10	22	51	16
Blueberries						1	2	22	47	28
Cattle						0	3	19	62	15
Pasture						1	4	26	50	19

County Agent Comments

“We received some hail damage on Thursday. Rains were scattered and we still need a good, general rain to keep crops in a good growing condition.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie County

“Heavy rain in parts of the county caused some flooding in the low areas. Crops are growing rapidly from the welcomed moisture. Thanks to no-till, producers are doing an outstanding job of keeping fields clean in spite of wet conditions. Wheat and hay yields are below average.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“The well managed crops are looking good with good yield potential as of today. These crops are receiving timely irrigations. Much of the cotton has received a layby application of herbicides. Some spraying is being done to control cotton insects (mostly plant bugs) but overall insect pressure is light.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore County

“Livestock continues to look extremely good with the continued rainfall. Row crops are benefitting from the rains as well. Hay harvest is going on at rapid pace in between showers. I believe that we will fill our barns back up with hay if the rains continue as they have in recent weeks. Diseases are still showing up in many yards and gardens.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin County

“We are still getting enough scattered showers to keep moisture at ideal levels. Cattle and pastures are in good shape. Corn and soybeans are progressing nicely, with the exception of those acres lost to flooding rains in early June.”

— Don Bales, Wilkinson County

Weather Summary from June 25, 2001 to July 1, 2001 for Mississippi													
District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale						0.15	-0.83	1	3.19				0.43
Cleveland	89	63	76			0.01		1	1.69				
Tunica	92	68	79	81	-2	0.35	-0.49	2	1.26	104	77	89	0.23
Extreme/Average	92	63	78	81	-3	0.17	-0.77	1	2.05	104	77	89	0.28
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs						0.05	-0.85	1	1.00				0.21
Memphis	90	66	78	81	-3	0.15	-0.68	3	1.64				
Oxford	89	62	75	78	-3	0.03	-0.78	1	4.85				
Extreme/Average	90	62	77	79	-2	0.08	-0.82	2	3.25				0.21
3. Northeast													
Booneville	85	62	73	78	-5	2.61	1.78	3	7.23				
Corinth	87	57	74	79	-5	0.36	-0.44	2	2.32				
Iuka	86	54	71			2.08		2	6.90				
Pontotoc	87	63	75	79	-4	0.49	-0.49	3	4.37	87	74	80	0.19
Tupelo	90	63	76	79	-3	0.82	-0.07	5	2.77				
Verona									0.00				
Extreme/Average	90	54	74	79	-5	1.27	+ 0.3	3	4.72	87	74	80	0.19
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni													
Greenwood	89	62	75	81	-6	0.06	-0.92	2	2.05				
Rolling Fork	92	65	78	81	-3	0.17	-0.81	2	4.04	102	80	91	0.21
Stoneville	91	65	79	81	-2	0.73	-0.18	1	2.39	94	74	85	0.25
Yazoo City	90	61	76	82	-6	2.59	+ 1.7	3	3.48				
Extreme/Average	92	61	77	81	-4	0.89	-0.05	2	2.99	102	74	88	0.21
5. Central													
Carthage	91	57	76	80	-4	0.67 E	-0.23	3	3.66 E				
Jackson	91	65	77	81	-4	3.75	+ 2.9	3	6.50				
Winona	85	58	72	77	-5	0.83	-0.12	3	4.33				
Extreme/Average	91	57	75	80	-5	1.75	+ 0.8	3	4.83				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville	89	62	77			1.37	+ 0.5	2	4.11		74		
Columbus	90	62	77	80	-3	1.31	+ 0.3	2	7.23				
State University	89	63	77	80	-3	0.15	-0.83	1	4.69	90	79	83	0.18
Extreme/Average	90	62	77	80	-3	0.94	-0.07	2	5.34	90	74	83	0.18
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	91	65	78			0.20		3	6.10	100	75	86	
Natchez	88	62	76	81	-5	2.07	+ 1.0	3	9.14				
Oakley	91	64	77	80	-3	0.17	-0.79	1	6.72	98	74	86	
Vicksburg	90	63	76			0.10 E		1	3.09 E				
Extreme/Average	91	62	77	80	-3	0.64	-0.35	2	6.26	100	74	86	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	91	63	77	81	-4	0.46 E	-0.57	4	10.26				
McComb	91	62	77	80	-3	1.35	+ 0.2	3	8.57				
Extreme/Average	91	62	77	80	-3	0.91	-0.11	4	9.42				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.16		1	14.31				
Hattiesburg	89	65	77	81	-4	0.03	-1.00	2	11.98				
Laurel						3.05	+ 2.1	1	11.55				
Meridian	90	65	77	80	-3	0.05	-0.93	3	6.36				
Newton	90	62	76	79	-3	0.05	-0.81	1	5.50	90	70	79	0.18
Extreme/Average	90	62	77	80	-3	0.80	-0.21	2	8.85	90	70	79	0.18
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	94	59	78			0.74		1	14.34				
BiloxiAFB	91	70	79			1.78		3	8.22				
Gulfport	90	66	78	82	-4	0.60 E	-0.66	2	12.60 E				
Pascagoula	92	62	77			0.43		4	9.91				
Poplarville	93	64	79	81	-2	0.07	-1.09	1	16.01	100	71	84	0.25
Extreme/Average	94	59	78	81	-3	0.72	-0.50	2	12.22	100	71	84	0.25
State	94	54	76	80	-4	0.85	-0.12	2	6.07	104	70	84	0.21

DFN = Departure from Normal.